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What is revalidation?

- Revalidation is a set of procedures operated by the GMC to secure the evaluation of a medical practitioner's fitness to practise as a condition of continuing to hold a licence to practise.

(Adapted from the Medical Act 1983)

- To create public confidence that all licensed doctors are up to date and fit to practise.

(GMC, March 2005)



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Shipman report demands GMC reform

The General Medical Council is doing too little to protect patients, the latest report from the Shipman Inquiry has said.



Harold Shipman is believed to have killed at least 215 patients

The report criticises the GMC for "looking after its own" and recommends a radical shake-up in its structure.

The GMC says it is making wholesale changes, but the report said its reforms did not go far enough.

The inquiry was set up in 2001 after GP Harold Shipman's conviction in a bid to prevent such events occurring again.

Dame Janet Smith, who is chairing the inquiry, said that there should no longer be a majority of GMC members elected by doctors.

The 1,300-page report, the fifth the inquiry team has produced, makes over 100 recommendations.

Dame Janet said: "I cannot guarantee that, if all my recommendations are implemented, it will be impossible for a doctor who is determined to kill a patient to do so without detection.

"But I believe that, if my recommendations are introduced, the deterrent effect will be considerable, and the chances of a doctor such as Shipman escaping detection will be very much reduced."

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Change GMC structure to remove medical majority
- The GMC to no longer have sole responsibility for assessing doctors' fitness to practise
- The GMC to be directly accountable to Parliament
- Improvements to the way doctors' performance is assessed
- A central NHS database containing information on all doctors
- Systems to be in place to allow staff to raise concerns

- Your Say: Doctors' regulation
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Inquiry suggests measures to protect patients

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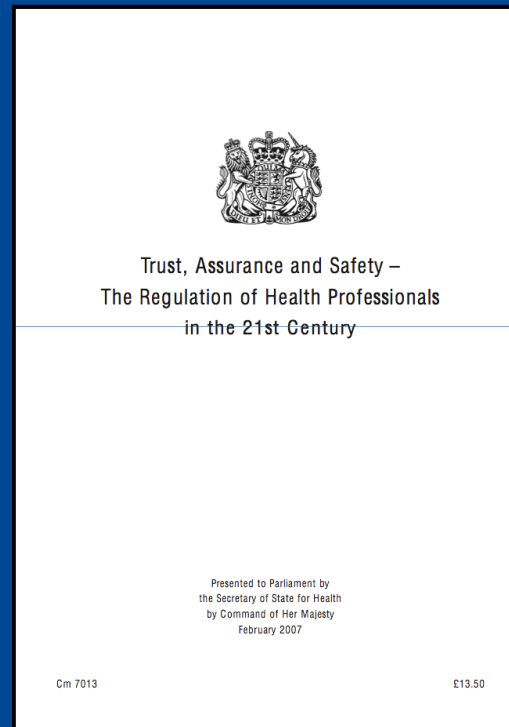
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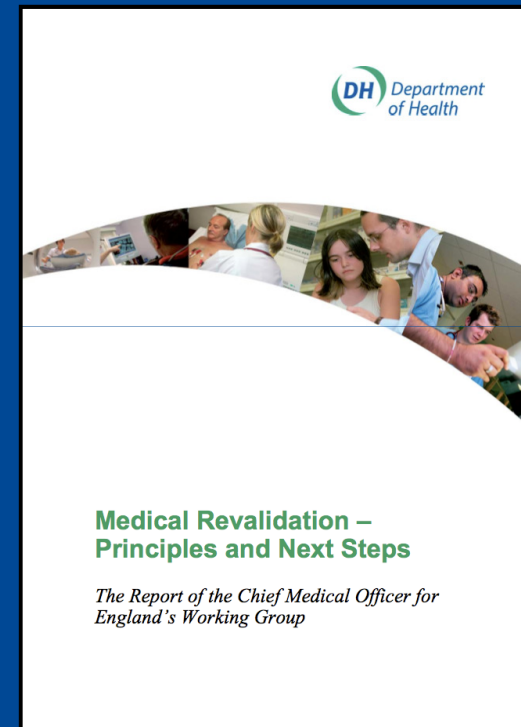
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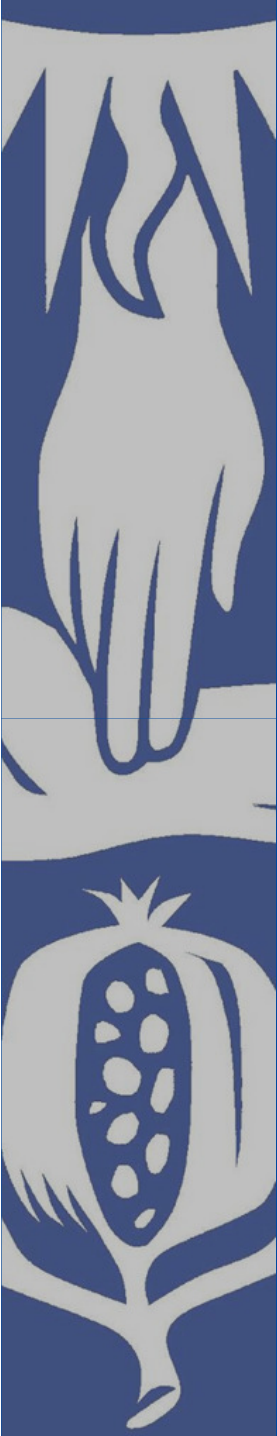
- Revalidation has two components:
 - Relicensure
 - Specialist recertification
- One process – two outcomes
- Appraisal to be revised and strengthened
- GMP translated into a framework for appraisal and assessment

3 aims of revalidation

- To confirm that licensed doctors practise in accordance with the GMC's generic standards (relicensure)
- For doctors on the GP register and specialist register to confirm that they meet the standards appropriate to their speciality or general practice (recertification)

3 aims of revalidation

- To identify for further investigation and remediation, poor practice where local practice is not robust enough to do this or does not exist



Assuring the Quality of Medical Appraisal for Revalidation

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AQMAR – on CPD

- The responsibility for fulfilling CPD requirements and achieving learning needs rests with the individual doctor.
- The organisation should provide support for professional development in partnership with other relevant bodies, especially when the doctor is in a directly employed role.
- A CPD strategy agreed by the Board is in place

Do you feel this will be...

① Helpful



② Unhelpful



③ Don't Know



AQMAR – on CPD

- There is a written description of the relationship between CPD and the pharmaceutical industry, manufacturers of appliances, etc
- There are monitoring and reporting processes in place which provide assurance about the effectiveness of CPD systems
- There are processes in place to ensure areas requiring development are addressed

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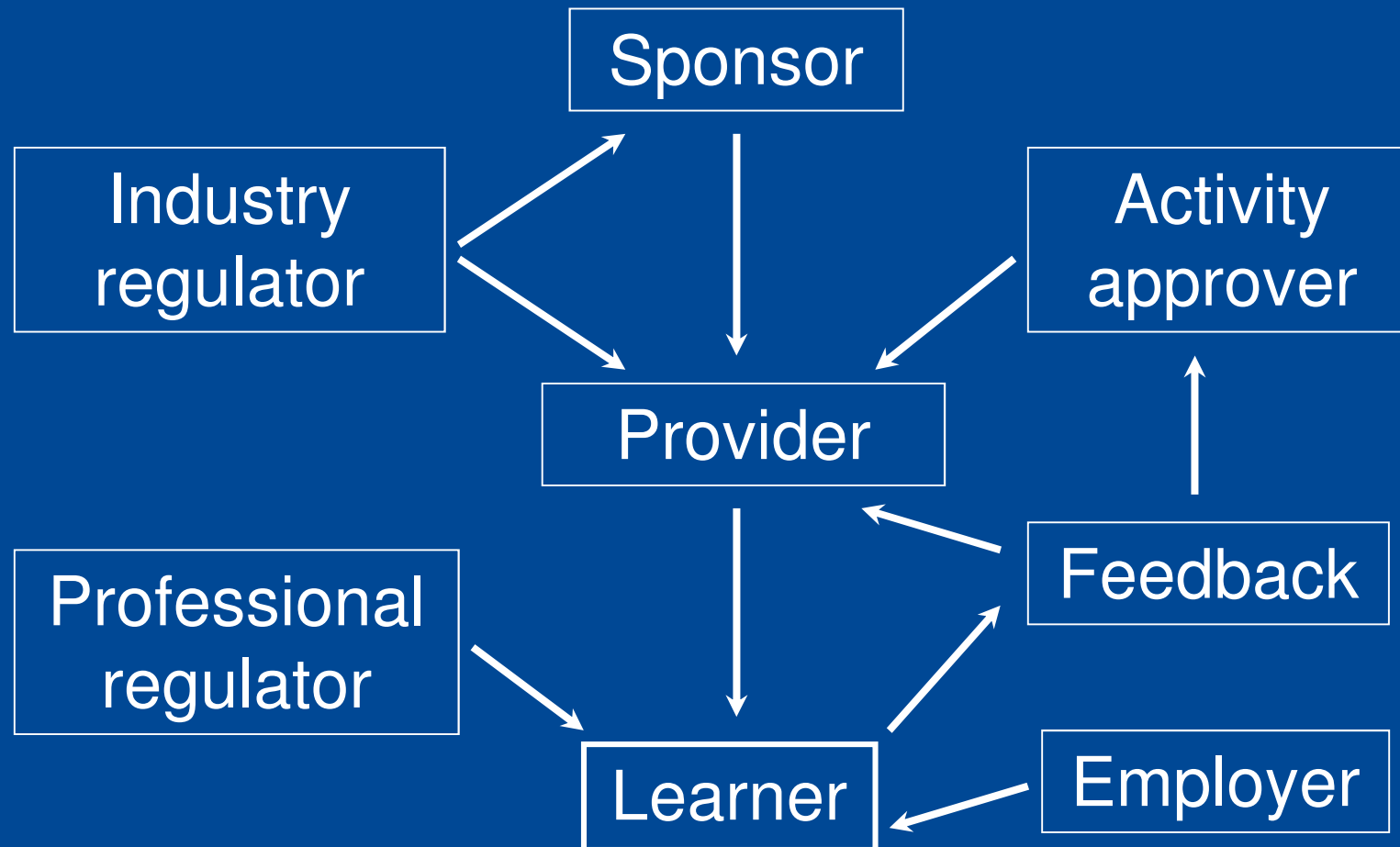
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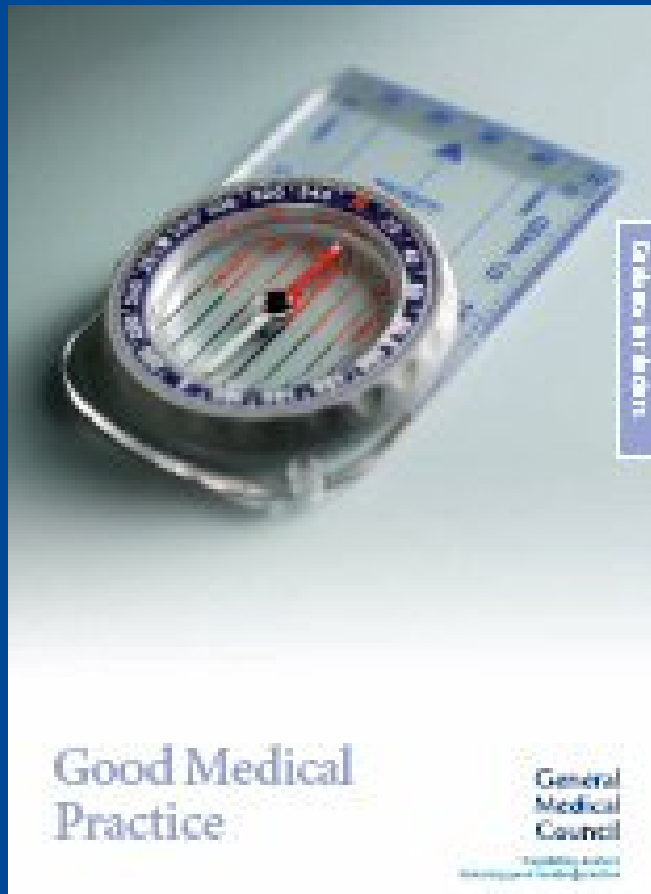
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- Develop a template for CPD guidelines which will provide the core model against which other CPD schemes will need to be compared / mapped.
- Compare the schemes with the recommended template, once the core model is developed and College and Faculty CPD schemes have been submitted.
- Outline the implications of developing formalised CPD systems appropriate for revalidation in all specialties.

Regulatory arrangements



The Professional Regulators



“You must not ask for or accept any inducement, gift or hospitality which may affect or be seen to affect the way you prescribe for, treat or refer patients”

Commercial support

- What is generally accepted:
 - Honoraria, travel and accommodation expenses for speakers
 - Presence of the sponsor(s) at the venue of the meeting
 - Unrestricted educational grants
 - Multiple sponsors
 - Sponsored satellite symposia – provided all other quality criteria are met.

Commercial support

- What is **not** accepted:
 - Payments to selected delegates / invitees
 - “Excessive” payments (fees) to speakers
 - Presence of the sponsors in the lecture hall
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Commercial support

- What is **not** accepted:
 - Commercial logos on powerpoint presentations
 - Single commercial sponsors where the meeting is significantly to do with a company product
 - Presentations by commercial company employees
 - CPD approval used as a form of inducement